Modeling and Analysis of Hybrid Systems

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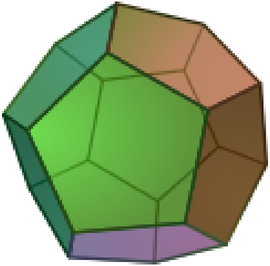

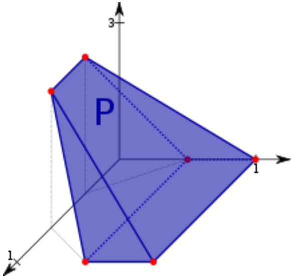

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- $\mathcal{V}$-polytopes

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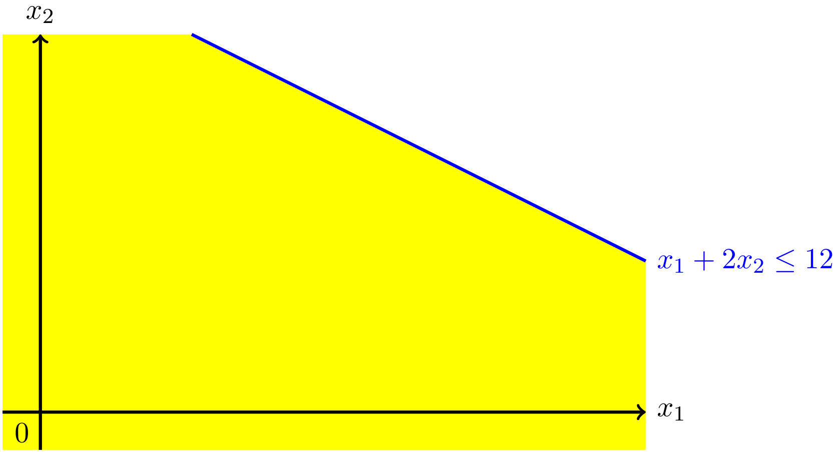

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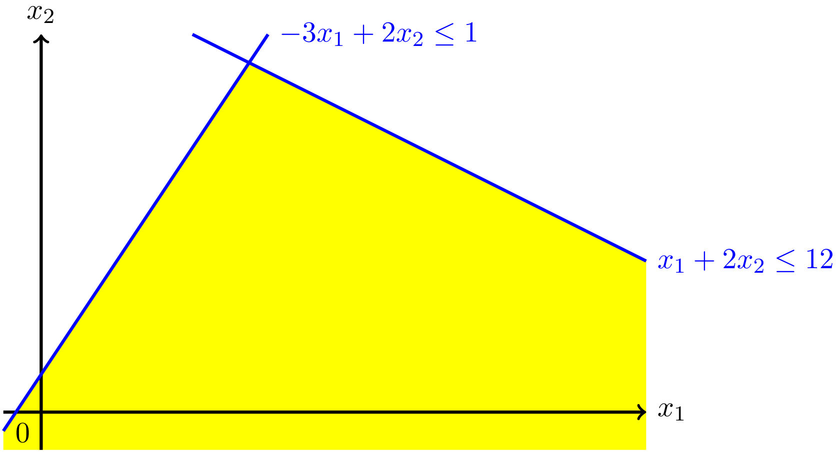

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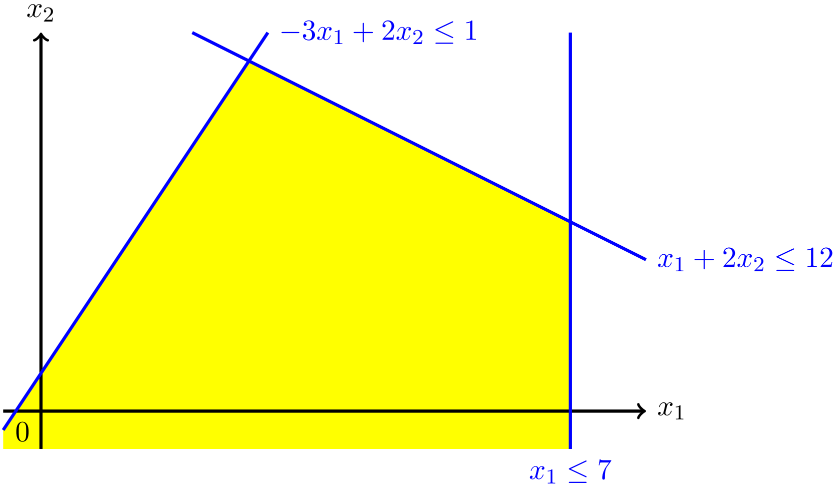

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A d-dimensional $\mathcal{H}$-polyhedron $P = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{H}_i$ is the intersection of finitely many closed halfspaces. A bounded $\mathcal{H}$-polyhedron is called an $\mathcal{H}$-polytope.

The facets of a d-dimensional $\mathcal{H}$-polytope are $d-1$-dimensional $\mathcal{H}$-polytopes.

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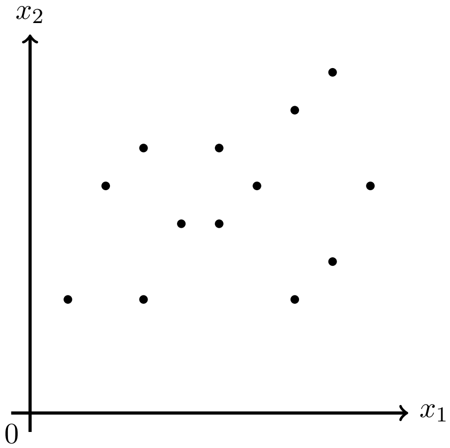

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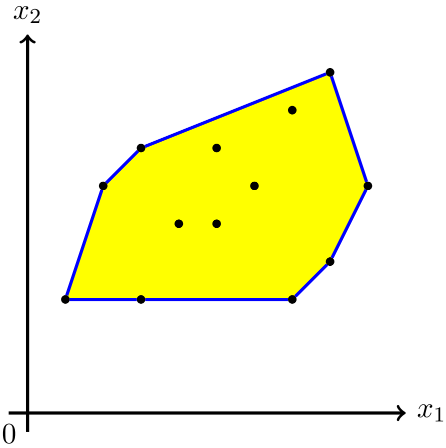

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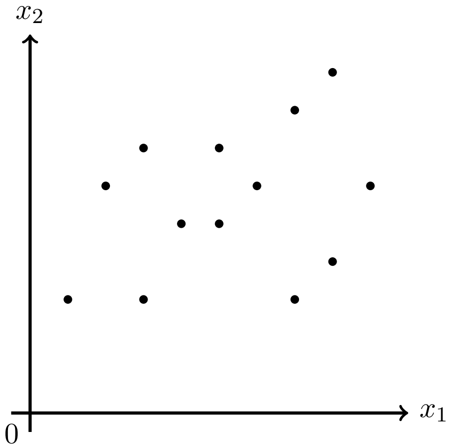

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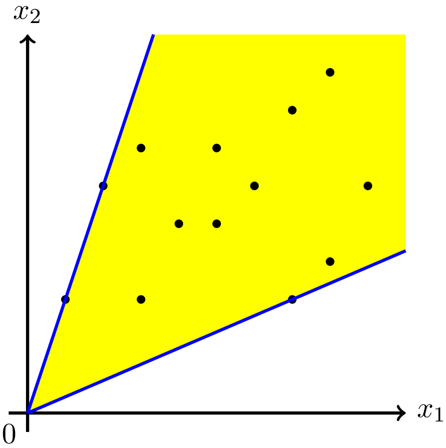

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$$P = conv(V) \oplus cone(U) \ .$$

If U is empty then P is bounded (e.g., a polytope).

Motzkin's theorem

- For each $\mathcal{H}$-polytope, the convex hull of its vertices defines the same set in the form of a $\mathcal{V}$-polytope, and vice versa,
- each set defined as a $\mathcal{V}$-polytope can be also given as an $\mathcal{H}$-polytope by computing the halfspaces defined by its facets.

The translations between the $\mathcal{H}$- and the $\mathcal{V}$-representations of polytopes can be exponential in the state space dimension d.

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Operations

If we represent reachable sets of hybrid automata by polytopes, we need some operations like

- membership computation,
- intersection, or the
- union of two polytopes.

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It could also be hard to translate a $\mathcal{V}$-polytope to an $\mathcal{H}$-polytope or vice versa.